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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

WESTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

ALEXANDRIA DIVISION

Dr. CARLTON L. WINBERY, ET AL

CIVIL ACTION NO. 06-1254

-VS-

JUDGE TRIMBLE

LOUISIANA COLLEGE, ET AL

MAGISTRATE JUDGE KIRK

JUDGMENT

After review of the Report and Recommendation provided by Magistrate Judge Kirk in this matter, as well as the objections offered by defendants, it is

ORDERED that the above captioned case be REMANDED to the 9th Judicial District Court, Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana.

Although we note the reasoning issued by Magistrate Judge Kirk as to an award of attorney fees, we find no basis for such an award. We cannot hold that defendants' decision to remove this case to federal court was frivolous or otherwise without reasonable basis.

Additionally, we find a lack of substantiation as to the amount of fees awarded and it is therefore ORDERED that plaintiffs' Motion for Attorney Fees [Doc. # 15] is DENIED. It is further ORDERED that all costs associated with the Petition for Removal be paid by defendants.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Alexandria, Louisiana this <u>20</u> day of November, 2006.

JAMES T. TRIMBLE, JR. U.S. DISTRICT COURT JUDGE